GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Social Welfare Department - Surprise check by the ACB on Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli (V), Giddalaru (M), Prakasam District on 18-07-2017 – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 against Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District – Articles of Charge – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 428 **Dated: 12-11-2020.**
Read:

G.O.Rt.No.427, Social Welfare (Vig) Department, Dt:12-11-2020.

O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District, is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Further attention of Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District is also invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri G.Titus, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired),
Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District.
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District)
The Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(with request to serve the order on the individual and
send the served copy to the Government)

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.TITUS, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER

That Sri G.Titus joined in Government service on 05.10.1981 and while functioning as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District during the period from 17.11.2014 to 18.07.2017 and despite being the supervising authority to the Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli village, Giddalur Mandal which is under the maintenance of Hostel Welfare Officer, he committed the following grave misconduct in discharging his legitimate duties:

CHARGE-I

That Sri G.Titus, Assistant Social Welfare Officer used to inspect the Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal in routine manner without checking the actual strength of the boarders residing in the hostel at any point of time and he approved the strength of the boarders as claimed by the HWO in the diet bills as well as in the attendance registers. He failed to get the aforesaid irregularities rectified and to bring the same to the notice of higher authorities of the department. Despite being supervisory officer, he utterly failed to monitor and supervise the work of HWO by giving ample scope for HWO to resort to irregularities and he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of HWO who was for the time being under his control and authority.

Thus Sri G.Titus by his above mentioned acts has showed gross negligence, lack of devotion to duty and exhibited lack of integrity and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 r/w Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.TITUS, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER

Sri G. Titus is a native of Tadivaripalle (V), Tarlupadu (M), Prakasam District. His date of birth is 15.07.1959. He joined Government Service on 05.10.1981 and he worked as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District from 17.11.2014 to 18.07.2017. His date of attaining superannuation is 31.07.2019. He is the supervising authority to the Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal which is under the maintenance of Hostel Welfare Officer. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant while functioning as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Bestavaripeta, Prakasam District, used to inspect the Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal in routine manner without checking the actual strength of the boarders residing in the hostel at any point of time and he approved the strength of the boarders as claimed by the HWO of the hostel in the diet bills as well as in the attendance registers. He failed to get the aforesaid irregularities rectified and to bring the same to the notice of higher authorities of the department. Despite being supervisory officer, he utterly failed to monitor and supervise the work of HWO by giving ample scope for HWO to resort to irregularities and he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of HWO who was for the time being under his control and authority.

Statement of Imputation:

Surprise check was conducted over the Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District by the ACB officials along with mediators on 18.07.2017 from 6-15 PM to 19.07.2017 at 1-00 AM. During the surprise check the Inspector of Police secured the Cook, Kamati (Watchman), Boarders and also the Hostel Welfare Officer and enquired them. During the surprise check the Inspector of Police in the presence of the mediators verified the records pertaining to the said hostel and the available records were seized during the surprise check. Those records were verified by the Inspector of Police in the presence of the mediators and came to conclusion that the concerned authorities did not maintain the records properly. Further it is also come to light that the Government servant failed to supervise the actual strength of the boarders staying in the hostel and affairs of the hostel and also failed to serve any notice to the HWO for non-maintenance of the records of the hostel. Even during the inspection, it was noticed that the Govt. Servant did not remark the mistakes committed by the HWO and did not direct the HWO to maintain the records which are required for maintenance of the hostel and also ignored the mistakes committed by the HWO while maintaining the said hostel and thereby exhibited gross negligence and slack supervision. The following records are to be maintained by the HWO and the Government Servant has to check the same to know that the HWO is properly maintaining the hostel or not, but it was not found performed during the Surprise Check.

(a) Daily Purchase Register, (b) Permanent Article Register, (c) Article Distribution Register, (d) Movement Register of Warden and other staff, (e) Movement Register of Boarders, (f) Daily Menu Register, (g) Contingent Bill Register, (h) Cosmetics Disbursement Register, (i) Sick Boarders Register, (j) Inspection Register, (k) Minutes Book of Hostel Advisory Committee, (l) Students Grievance Register, (m) Permanent Advance Register, (n) Library Books Register.

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All the above proved that the Government servant failed to get the aforesaid irregularities rectified and he also failed to bring the aforesaid irregularities to the notice of higher officials of the department. Thereby he showed gross negligence, lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant. Despite holding a supervisory post, he failed to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of HWO who was then under his control and authority.

Therefore Sri G.Titus by his above mentioned acts has showed gross negligence, lack of devotion to duty and exhibited lack of integrity and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 r/w Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Thus the Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:-

1. Sri Puligoti Rathnaiah S/o Chinna Venkataiah, age 43 yrs, Cook, Government Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

2. Sri Patan Khasim S/o China Khasim Khan, age 55-yrs, Kamati (Watchman), Government Social Welfare (SC) Boys Hostel, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

3. Sri Bathula Srimadhu, S/o late Peddaiah, age 16 years, 10th class, r/o Venkatapuram Village, Giddalur Mandal.

4. Sri Challa Adinarayana, S/o Srinivasulu, age 16 years, Venkatapuram Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

5. Sri Sammani Sivasai, S/o Yallamandalaiah, age 15 years, 9th class, K.Bynapalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

6. Sri Kuncham Ramesh, S/o Venkatesh, age 14 years, 9th Class, Krishnamsettypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

7. Sri Devangula Pavan Kumar, S/o Srinvasulu, age 13 years, 7th class, Akkalareddypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

8. Sri Edgathuy Jaswanth, S/o Srinivasulu, age 10 years, 3rd class, Vaddipalem, Akkalareddypalli Village, Giddalur Mandal, Prakasam District.

9. Sri Tanguturi Hanumantharao, S/o Subbarao, aged-59yrs, Academic Monitoring Officer, Project Office, District Sarvasiksha Abhiyan, Ongole R/o H.No.10-1-22/1, Balajiraopeta, 2nd lane, Ongole (1st Mediator).

10. Sri Meka Krupanandam S/o Edwin, age-53yrs, Senior Assistant, Project Office, District Sarvasiksha Abhiyan, Ongole (2nd Mediator)

11. Sri T.V.V.Pratap Kumar, Inspector, ACB, Ongole, Prakasam District.

12. Any other witnesses found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF RECORDS:-

1. Boarders' Admission Register for the 2016-2017.
2. Attendance Register of the Boarders for the academic year 2017-2018.
3. Stock Issue Register for the year 2017-2018.
4. Visitors Register.
5. Lr.Rc.No.SWD-HWE0DSP(ACB)/3/2017-SA(A1)-SWPRK, Dt.05.08.2017 of the Deputy Director (SW), Prakasam District, Ongole
6. Lr. Rc. No.SWD-HWE0DSP(ACB)/3/2017-SA(A1)-SWPRK, Dt.11.08. 2017 of the Deputy Director (SW), Prakasam District, Ongole.
7. Lr.Rc.No.SWD-HWE0DSP(ACB)/3/2017-SA(A1)-SWPRK, Dt.28.10.2017 of the Deputy Director (SW), Prakasam District, Ongole.
8. Attested copies of Schools Attendance Registers for the students.
9. Surprise Check proceedings Dt.18/19.07.2017.
10. Attested copy of the renewal proposals approved by the ASWO, Bestavripeta vide RC.No.A1/134/2017, Dt.30.06.2017.
11. Attested copy of the list and copies of attendance submitted on-line to the boarders for the months of June & July 2017.
12. Signed statements of the Boarders.
13. Any documents found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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